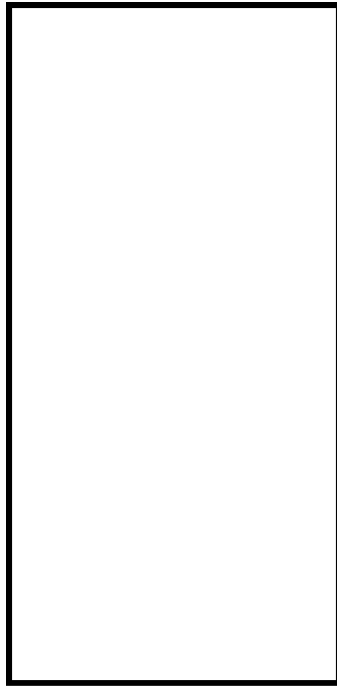




City of Eureka
THE JOHN RYAN YOUTH CENTER
1653 J St.
Eureka, CA 95501



“The Ryan Center is like home.” -Dylan age 6

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After School Program



“Our son comes home from The Ryan Center confident and happy. The staff are educated, positive and energetic and it shows that they love their job. The kids stay busy, entertained and well-supervised. We are thankful for this nurturing experience.”

-Ryan Center Parent

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Ryan Center is an educational, enrichment, and recreation After School Program designed to provide an enjoyable, safe and nurturing environment for elementary school children age 5-12. Each afternoon is packed with an array of activities to meet the individual needs of all participants.

These activities include:

- Tutoring & Academic Support
- Life Enrichment Clubs
- Junior Leader Program
- Fiesta Fridays
- Special Guest Speakers
- Educational Field Trips
- Cultural Events & Celebrations
- Creative Art Projects
- Non-Competitive Group Games
- Free Time to Read or Play with Friends
- Healthy Afternoon Snacks prepared by the Food Bank for Humboldt County



OUR VISION

The Eureka Recreation Division strives to develop the whole child by providing opportunities for youth to learn and grow physically, emotionally and socially while respecting and encouraging each other's strengths and individuality.

RYAN CENTER PROGRAM HOURS

Monday-Friday 2:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. The Ryan Center is open according to the official school calendar of Eureka City Schools and is closed during vacations and school holidays. Extended hours are available on early dismissal days. The Ryan Center will be operating from September 2nd - June 18th.

LOCATION

The Ryan Center is located at **1653 J St. Eureka**. The Ryan Center can accommodate 40 children per day.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions please contact Berny Saffell, Recreation Activities Coordinator at (707) 441-4224.

"I really like the Ryan Center because the leaders are funny and the games are fun!" - Jewell age 10

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REGISTRATION

NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Ryan Center offers a unique and flexible payment policy designed to assist the ever-changing needs of today's families. For a flexible payment plan, families may choose to register by the month. To take advantage of additional discounts, families may choose to register by the session or by the year. Fees are due upon registration. Checks must be made payable to the City of Eureka.

BY THE MONTH:

If you register mid-month, the initial monthly fee will be pro-rated at a \$4.00/day rate. Monthly rates will vary due to the number of days programming is provided each month. Monthly fees are as follows:

September - \$78.75	October - \$86.25	November - \$52.50
December - \$56.25	January - \$71.25	February - \$56.25
March - \$82.50	April - \$63.75	May - \$75.00
June - \$52.50		

BY THE SESSION:

Sessions provide families a 10% discount and cannot be pro-rated if registering mid-session. Session fees are as follows:

FALL SESSION September 2 to December 19	WINTER SESSION January 5 to March 31	SPRING SESSION April 1 to June 18
\$246.37	\$189.00	\$172.12

BY THE YEAR:

The yearly fee provides families a 15% discount.

2008-2009 School Year
\$573.75

WHEN ARE FEES DUE?

If you choose to pay monthly or by sessions, it is your responsibility to make all payments by the 25th of the month prior to the month your child will attend in order to avoid a \$25.00 late fee and the possibility of losing your space.

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REGISTRATION

All children must be pre-registered prior to attending The Ryan Center. The registration process will continue until all spaces are filled. After the maximum is reached, children will be put on a waiting list and notified immediately of an opening. The registration and payment policy is strictly followed.

WHEN DO I REGISTER?

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year begins **MONDAY, August 11th, 2008** and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The registration process automatically reserves a space for your child for the entire school year, regardless of your payment plan. We encourage you to register as early as possible as enrollment is limited for this popular program. Registration is on-going and children can join the program anytime during the school year if openings are available.

WHERE DO I REGISTER?

Registration takes place at the Adorni Recreation Center, 1011 Waterfront Drive. The Adorni Center hours are Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. There is NO on-site registration at The Ryan Center. When registering, please note that the following information will need to be provided: emergency contacts, name and phone number of child's physician, any other parties allowed to pick up the child including their name and phone number, and any other additional information including medication and/or allergies.

NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

We recognize that some families are not able to fully finance their child's program fees. The City of Eureka works in partnership with the community in order to obtain funding to offset program fees for qualifying families. Scholarships may be available to those who qualify based on income requirements and offer a 50% fee reduction.

REFUND/WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Non-attendance/non-participation in the program does not entitle a participant to a refund. A refund will only be given in the event that there is a child on the waiting list, willing to take their place. If there is no one on the waiting list, we will not honor the refund.

HOW TO REACH STAFF OR YOUR CHILD DURING PROGRAM

The Ryan Center's phone number is 441-4224. If our staff does not answer the phone, it may mean they are in the backyard, please call back. You can also call Donna Wood, Recreation Supervisor, at 268-1858 to leave a message.

"I really like The Ryan Center because it's fun and exciting and it's full of love." -Maggie age 10

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EDUCATION, ENRICHMENT & RECREATION

MONTHLY THEMES

In the spirit of fun and inspiration, each month's activities and events are centered around different topics and themes in order to provide youth a well-balanced variety of experiences.

September - Junior Olympics - The Ryan Center will transform into an Olympic village, as youth learn about countries from around the world while engaging in Olympic challenges and sports that build community and teamwork.

October - Mystery Madness - Participants will use problem solving skills to decipher clues, read treasure maps, and experience scavenger hunts. Each day will bring mysteries and surprises that will keep youth on their toes all month long.

November - Animal Planet - Youth will discover the natural world and learn about our planets magnificent animals and their habitats with an emphasis on our local eco-system and the animals found in our own backyard.

December - Get Ready, Get Set, Get Fit - Activities will promote physical fitness from head to toe through healthy play, exercise and nutritional eating habits.

January - Science Explosion - Youth will explore the world of science that surrounds us everyday and discover what its like to conduct hands-on science experiments from home-made ice cream to the great egg drop.

February - Choose Your Own Adventure - This is the month every child has dreamed of. Youth are invited to let their creative juices flow as they work together to invent their own games, design their own crafts and plan their own activities.

March - International Arts - Youth will explore art from the far corners of the earth as they tap into their imagination to create original art pieces from mosaic to jewelry to hand-made pottery.

April - It's Not Easy Being Green - Activities will encourage respect for the environment and youth will learn ways to be pro-active in taking care of our planet.

May - Be the Star You Are! - Youth will experience performing arts such as set design, improv, music, and dance just to name a few. We will be rolling out the red carpet for The Ryan Center Talent Show. Be sure to get your tickets early!

June - Under the Sea - Discover the wonders of the ocean and the creatures that call it home. Get ready to get wet & wild for an end of the year celebration!

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT CHECK IN & CHECK OUT

Parents, guardians and authorized individuals listed on the Waiver Form are required to sign their children in and out when they drop-off and pick-up. Arrangements must be made ahead of time for someone other than the designated parent/guardian to sign their child in and out. A child will not be released to a 3rd party under any circumstances without the parent's written or verbal approval. **A PICTURE ID IS REQUIRED OF EVERYONE PICKING UP YOUR CHILD.** Please do not drop your children off before 2:30 p.m., as they will not be supervised.

ABSENCES

Please notify The Ryan Center by 12:00 noon if your child will not be attending. The Ryan Center number is 441-4224.

MEDICATION

Staff cannot administer medication to children. If your child requires medication, please place medication in its original container, in a zip lock bag, with your child's name. Include explicit instructions (for your child) on how and at what time the medication is to be taken. Please talk with your child ahead of time regarding these instructions. Staff cannot apply sunscreen, bug spray or any other similar topical treatment to children.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

Several school busses drop off directly in front of the Ryan Center. Please contact your child's school for more information.

LATE POLICY

All participants must be picked up by 5:30 p.m. You jeopardize your child's privilege to attend the program by not picking him/her up at the designated closing time. If you are late, you will be billed for two staff who are required to stay with your child.

RYAN CENTER STAFF

Our Ryan Center Recreation Leaders are people who love kids. They want to spend their time playing, teaching, and working with children. All staff are First Aid & CPR Certified, Fingerprinted and TB Tested and receive extensive training. The Ryan Center staff consistently show their enthusiasm, dedication, creativity and talent in working with children. You can be sure that we are hiring the "best of the best" to work with your children.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR GUIDANCE

The John Ryan Youth Center provides youth the opportunity to gain valuable life skills in decision making, peer relations, cooperation, and building self-confidence. Staff utilize and encourage the practice of positive recognition as effective methods of behavior guidance and are constantly on the lookout for what kids are doing right!

At The Ryan Center youth...

- Engage in diverse and meaningful activities that develop values, skills, and relationships
- Have equal rights to be accepted, respected and valued by others.
- Are involved in decision making and program design. When youth have a voice they are far more likely to enjoy themselves and behave cooperatively.
- Enjoy a variety of fun incentive programs that are used to encourage safe, respectful, and responsible behavior.

Behavior that does not contribute to the well-being of others will be dealt with in a fair and respectful manner. Natural consequences will be applied to encourage learning. Parents/Guardians will be notified of all inappropriate behaviors and may be requested to pick up their child immediately. Program fees for days lost will not be reimbursed. Ryan Center Staff reserve the right to remove any child permanently from the program should it be necessary to do so.

BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILIES

If you have any concerns or suggestions that will help us serve your children better, please let our staff know. For example:

- Help us learn about your child's special talents and strengths.
- Tell us when your child needs extra help or support.
- Ask us questions if you don't understand our policies and procedures.
- Keep us informed about any important changes so we can serve you better.
- **VISIT WHENEVER YOU CAN. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**



"Rock beats scissors...you win!"